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SUBJ: RTG BAN ON EXPORT OF WOODEN LOGS AND CUT LUMBER

REF: (A) 77- BANGKOK 34022, (B) BANGKOK 2784

1. MARCH 7TH BANGKOK POST REPORTS THAT MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATIVES PRIDA KANNASUT HAS REJECTED PROPOSAL FROM MINISTER OF COMMERCE NAM PHUNWATTHU TO RECONSIDER CURRENT RTG BAN ON EXPORT OF WOODEN LOGS AND CUT LUMBER INCLUDING TEAK. OBARTICLE SAYS NAM INFORMED PRIDA TAHT "MINISTRY OF COMMERCE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS AGAINST BAN ON EXPORT OF WOOD AND WOOD CONVERSIONS (CUT LUMBER), PARTICULARLY FROM THE UNITED STATES AND THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BANGKOK." PRIDA REPORTEDLY JUSTIFIED CONTINUATION OF BAN ON BASIS THAT BAN IS "BENEFICIAL" TO THAILAND.

2. ROYAL DECREE OF DECEMBER 7, 1977, WHICH ESTABLISHED CURRENT BAN ON EXPORT OF WOODEN LOGS AND CUT LUMBER, PROVIDED AN EXCEPTION ON EXPORT ORDERS FOR WHICH LETTER OF CREDIT OBTAINED BY BUYER PRIOR TO DECEMBER 7. (REFTEL A). MARCH 8TH BANGKOK POST IN FOLLOW-ON ARTICLE TO PRIOR ARTICLE REPORTS THAT MINISTRY OF COMMERCE ACTING ON RECOMMENDATION OF BANK OF THAILAND WILL ISSUE EXPORT LICENSE FOR ONLY TEN PERCENT OF ORDERS FOR WHICH EXPORTERS "CLAIMED UNCLASSIFIED

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LETTERS OF CREDIT HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM OVERSEAS BUYERS..." BECAUSE MANY "IRREGULARITIES IN LETTERS OF CREDIT HAD BEEN DISCOVERED." ACCORDING TO BANK OF THAILAND OFFICIAL, IRREGULARITIES INCLUDED..." NO PREVIOUS RECORD OF EXPORTING TEAK, LETTERS OF CREDIT FAR IN EXCESS OF PAST PERFORMANCES..., (AND) LETTERS OF CREDIT FROM HONG KONG RECEIVED WEEKS AFTER THEY NORMALLY

SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED." MINISTRY OF COMMERCE SAID SUCH
LETTERS OF CREDIT TOTAL "HUNDREDS OF MILLION BAHT" BUT
DECLINED TO GIVE EXACT FIGURE.
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